

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, June 24, 2024 · Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin

Roll Call

Present: Council Members Chris Fought, Brian Hite, Doretta Wiegand, Matt Kreager, and David Cisney

Mayor Earle Franklin, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Deputy Clerk Robin Galloway

Absent: Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of June 10, 2024

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Police and Fire Departments – Life Saving Awards

Police Chief/Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer and Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver presented Life Saving Awards to the following: Chris Funk, Joshua Chupp, Clifford Sprague, Jerod Bechtold, and Leslie Ware.

Resolution 0624-2024 (Police and Fire – 1977 Fund Certified Salary Calculations)

State code now allows the Certified Salary Calculations for the 1977 Pension Funds to use 25 years of longevity in the calculation instead of the previous 24 years of longevity. Resolution 0624-2024 was prepared to allow the city to use 25 years of longevity in the city's calculations.

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 70950-71054

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Niblock has started to pour the ADA ramps on the Community Crossings Project.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Andrew Skaggs will be starting as a full time officer on July 1, 2024 to replace Les Ware who retired this past week.

Park Director John Parrish

- I&M has updated all of the LED lighting on the trail at Kenney Park. This helps with security.
- We are getting ready to put tile for drainage at Woodlawn Park.
- Kenney Park will be closed July 5-7 for parking lot sealing.

City Engineer Rick Pharis/John Nelson

- We will be opening bids tomorrow for the Commerce Drive project and have the recommendation ready for the Board of Works on Wednesday.
- Will have two quotes Amish Buggy parking lot repairs for the Board of Works.

Council Member Matt Kreager

- Still waiting for the lights for the inside of the fountain to come in.
- Would like to commend the police and fire departments for the great job they do.

Council President Chris Fought

- Would like to commend Police Chief/Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer on a great presentation of Police and Fire lifesaving run.

Council Member Brian Hite

- Appreciate everything the Fire and Police Departments do.

Council Member Doretta Wiegand

- Thanks to all Fire Department and Police Department personnel for all they are doing in this difficult time.

City Attorney Jack Birch

- Attended the AIM Attorney's Conference. Good information in the presentations. Was able to network and get useful ideas.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- The city presented a resolution to Noble County Commissioners for their passage allowing us to proceed with annexation and Housing TIF concurrently for the Schrock Construction Housing Development. They passed the resolution, and we can now proceed. Ice Miller will be preparing the schedule.
- We had the AIM Medical Trust staff do a presentation of the insurance plans to the employees last week. Open enrollment starts on July 1-12, with the new plan starting on August 1, 2024.
- Attended a Governors Luncheon last week and heard good things coming.

Adjournment*Motion to adjourn: David Cisney**Second: Brian Hite**Vote: All Ayes*

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor